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repeating unit structure of $C_6H_{10}O_5$; water-soluble cellulose derivatives having a basic repeating unit structure $C_6H_{10}O_5$, and water-soluble synthetic resins.

9. (Amended) The graphite material for the negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite material is coated with a starch derivative selected from the group consisting of acetic starch, phosphoric starch, carboxymethyl starch and hydroxy alkyl starch.

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10. (Amended) The graphite material for the negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite material is coated with viscous polysaccharides selected from the group consisting of pullulan and dextrine.

11. (Amended) The graphite material for the negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite material is coated with water-soluble cellulose derivatives selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose, methyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, and hydroxypropyl cellulose.

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12. (Amended) The graphite material for the negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite material is coated with water-soluble synthetic resins selected from the group comprising of water-soluble acrylic resin, water-soluble

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epoxy resin, water-soluble polyester resin, and water-soluble polyamide resin.

13. (Amended) The graphite material for the negative electrode according to claim 1, wherein said graphite material absorbs or is coated with an aqueous solution of the surface active material defined in claim 1.

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14. (Amended) The graphite material for the negative electrode according to claim 13, wherein said aqueous solution contains either ion-exchanged water, or hot-spring water, underground water, well water or city water, at least one of which contains lithium, calcium, magnesium, sodium or potassium.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims in this application remaining under examination are 1-3 and 7-14.

The rejection of claims 1-3 and 7-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully traversed. The Liu et al. reference does not anticipate these claims for the reasons given below as well as in the light of the amendments to the claims which accompany this argument. The Examiner has indicated that Liu et al teaches in